

X  
105, 1054

DT / Russell

New Brunswick, N.J.

October 11, 1926

RE: George Sipel's statement that he called at the Russell place at the night of the murder.

As I have previously reported, I made several efforts to see Nellie Lo Russell but found her cabin locked. On Friday morning I succeeded in getting hold of her husband. He informed me that Nellie was working and that she leaves for New York about 6 A.M. and gets home at night between 8:30 and 9 P.M. I therefore told him that I would call Friday evening about 9 P.M.

I went out that way on Friday night and as we started up the lane toward her home we could see the lights of an automobile standing in front of her cabin. We waited a short while and noticed that some one turned out all the lights, leaving only the tail light burning. Not knowing who I might run into, I decided not to go near the place.

Yesterday afternoon I found Nellie at home and I asked her who had been in around her place on Friday night and she told me that a woman from the New York World had been there to see if there was anything new.

I questioned Nellie about the visit which Sipel claims to have made to her place with Office Knothe on the night of the murder. Nellie claims that the Sunday preceding the murder she took the horse back to Sipel's place and left it there and that the same night Sipel had come over to see her, but he was alone on this occasion.

That on the night of the murder she arrived home about 8 P.M. and she is positive that Sipel and Knothe did not come to her place between that hour and the time she retired after her talk with Jane Gibson, as set forth in her affidavit.

Respectfully yours,

DAVID THOMPSON